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SUBJ: CODEL CLEAVELAND JAPAN VISIT

SUMMARY. THE CLEVELANDS' VISIT TO JAPAN WAS, AT THEIR REQUEST, LOW PRESSURE AND SPENT MOSTLY IN THE KYOTO-OSAKA AREA. MOST APPRECIATIVE, THEY SEEMED TO ENJOY AND PROFIT FROM THEIR TEN-DAY STAY.

1. ON ARRIVAL, THE CLEVELANDS ASKED FOR AND GOT LIGHT -- MOSTLY SIGHTSEEING -- SCHEDULING HERE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, ON OCTOBER 28 THEY WERE BRIEFED AT THE EMBASSY. ON OCTOBER 29 THEY CALLED ON THE FONMIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU AND AMBASSADOR HODGSON. THAT AFTERNOON THEY VISITED THE KEIO UNIVERSITY CAMPUS FOR A DISCUSSION AND TOUR. ON OCTOBER 30, THEY TOURED THE DIET BUILDING COMPLEX, CALLED ON THE VICE MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION, HEARD A BRIEFING ON PROCESSING OF PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND, LATER, HIGHSPEED TRAINS. THAT EVENING POLITICAL COUNSELOR RICHARD PETREE INVITED THEM TO DINNER ALONG WITH MINISTRY AND BUSINESS LEADERS. RAIN FORCED CANCELLATION OF A PLANNED ALL DAY TOUR OF NIKKO OCTOBER 31, BUT THAT EVENING PAO WILLIAM MILLER HOSTED A DINNER IN THEIR HONOR WITH LEADING EDITORIALISTS.

3. NOVEMBER 1-5 WAS SPENT IN KYOTO, NARA AND THE MOUNT KOYA TEMPLE COMPLEX NEAR OSAKA. THERE THEY VISITED WELL KNOWN CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

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AND SAMPLED LIFE IN A JAPANESE INN AND A VARIETY OF

JAPANESE FOOD. AFTER A QUIET MORNING IN TOKYO
NOVEMBER 6, THE CLEVELANDS DEPARTED FOR TAIPEI.

4. COMMENT. THE CLEVELANDS DECIDED TO DO MUCH LESS
THAN WE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THEM. (NOT SUR-
PRISINGLY, THEY WERE MUCH LESS INTERESTED IN TOKYO
APPOINTMENTS THAN IN TOURING HISTORIC AREAS.) AN
ADDITIONAL PROBLEM WAS POSED BY THE "PRIVATE" NATURE
OF THEIR VISIT. BUT THEY THEMSELVES WERE DELIGHTFUL,
SEEMED TO ENJOY AND APPRECIATE THEIR STAY AND COMMENTED
OFTEN ABOUT HOW MUCH THEY HAD LEARNED ABOUT JAPAN.
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